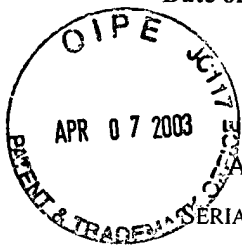


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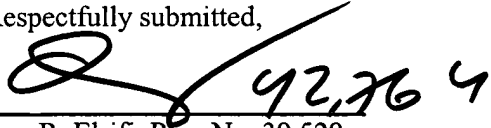
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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following documents:

- ☒ Response to November 6, 2002 Nonfinal Office Action; (13 pgs.)
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.);
- ☒ Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (15 pgs.);
- ☒ Check No. 15989 in the amount of \$205.00; and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

This application is now entitled to small entity status. If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Ref. No. 15966-703 (CURA-303). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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